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LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE

◇ February 19, 2015

Montana Environmental Quality Council
P.O. Box 201704
Helena, MT 59620-1704

Re: Notice of FONSI/NOI/RROF

Dear To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of Pinesdale, located in Ravalli County, is pursuing funding through the Treasure State Endowment Fund program, Community Development Block Grant, Renewable Resources Grant and Loan program and the State Revolving Fund to complete improvements to its water treatment system. The environmental assessment and review process resulted in a finding of no significant environmental or cultural resource impact. Therefore the Town of Pinesdale is issuing a combined Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request the Release of Funds. Please see the enclosed document.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (406) 755-2763.

Sincerely,

KLJ

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Rohweder', is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Rohweder
Engineer, EI

Enclosure(s): FONSI/NOI/RROF (1)
Project #: 15414012

EXHIBIT 2-N

COMBINED NOTICE: FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI/NOI/RROF)

Date of Publication of Notice: February 20, 2015

Town of Pinesdale, Montana
City, Town or County

P.O. Box 410228
Mailing Address

Pinesdale, MT 59841 (406) 961-8300
City, State, Zip Code Telephone

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On March 17, 2015 the above-named Town of Pinesdale will request the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) for the following project:

Town of Pinesdale Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
CDBG Project Title or Name

Replacement of existing water treatment plant equipment in order to address existing deficiencies
Purpose or Nature of the CDBG Project (*Insert brief description.*)

Town of Pinesdale, Ravalli County, Montana
Location - City, County, State - of CDBG Project)

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named Town, has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

A Uniform Environmental Checklist was completed and site map created. The Uniform Environmental Checklist and site map were sent to appropriate federal and state agencies for their review and comments. The Uniform Environmental Checklist and site map were also sent to 3 tribes for their review and comments. None of the responses received have expressed any environmental or resource concerns. The plan is to confine all construction within the existing footprint of disturbed ground at the water treatment facility. Therefore, the decision was made not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named Town. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of CDBG project funds.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Town to the office of the undersigned on or before March 6, 2014. All such comments so received will be considered and the Town will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The Town of Pinesdale will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds provided by DOC under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Pinesdale is certifying to DOC that Mr. Russell Jessop, in his official capacity as Environmental Certifying Officer consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, the Town of Pinesdale may use the CDBG funds and DOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;
- (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;
- (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 301 S. Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200523, Helena, Montana 59620.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by DOC. No objection received after April 2, 2015 will be considered by DOC.

Russell M. Jessop

Name of Environmental Certifying Officer

February 19, 2015

Date

1625 Main Street

Street Address

Town of Pinesdale, Ravalli County, Montana 59841

City, County, State, Zip Code